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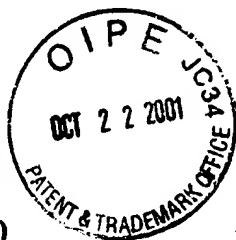
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[54] **SECONDARY BATTERY POWER STORAGE SYSTEM**[75] **Inventors:** Kyoko Ikawa; Tatsuo Horiba, both of Hitachi, Japan[73] **Assignee:** Hitachi, Ltd., Tokyo, Japan[*] **Notice:** This patent issued on a continued prosecution application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(d), and is subject to the twenty year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. 154(a)(2).[21] **Appl. No.:** 606,226[22] **Filed:** Feb. 23, 1996**Related U.S. Application Data**

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ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a distributed secondary battery type power storage system capable of maintaining the soundness of the secondary battery and of efficient electric power charging and discharging operations. The secondary battery power storage system comprises a secondary battery connected to a load, a charge/discharge unit connectable to a power system and connected to the secondary battery, and a plurality of loads connected to the charge/discharge unit. A power receiving object is selected about the operating condition of the plurality of loads, and the surplus electric power remaining in the secondary battery after feeding electric power from the secondary battery to the load is fed to the selected power receiving object through the charge/discharge unit. The secondary battery power storage system is capable of maintaining the soundness of the secondary battery and of efficient charging and discharging operation.

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